

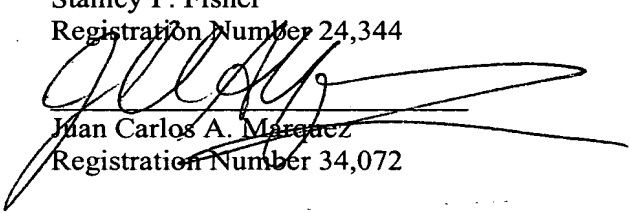
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the Request for Continued Examination and the foregoing amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks which are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Notice of Allowance dated February 10, 2005, wherein the issue fee has not been paid. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this amendment. In view of the above amendment and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the issuance of this application.

Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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